

POST BOARD ACTION REPORT

**Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners
County Board Room, County Building, Thursday, March 8, 2012, 10:00 A.M.**

**In Attendance: President Preckwinkle; Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer,
Gorman, Goslin, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin, Tobolski**

PRESIDENT

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

ITEM #1 (see related ITEM #13) APPROVED

Submitting a Proposed Ordinance sponsored by

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE in parts of Sections 7 and 8, Township 42 North, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian, all in Cook County, Illinois.

WHEREAS, The Board of Forest Preserve Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, pursuant to the statutes in such case made and provided, has from time to time acquired by purchase, condemnation, gift, grant, or devise, lands necessary and desirable for Forest Preserve purposes containing one or more natural forests or parts thereof, or lands connecting such forests or parts thereof, or lands capable of being reforested for the purpose of protecting and preserving the flora, fauna, and scenic beauties within the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, and to restore, restock, protect, and preserve the natural forests and said lands together with their flora and fauna, as nearly as may be, in their natural state and condition, for the purpose of the education, pleasure, and recreation of the public; and

WHEREAS, the said Board of Forest Preserve Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois has also acquired in like manner lands for the consolidation of such preserves into unit areas of a size and form convenient and desirable for public use and economical maintenance and improvement, and lands for the purpose of connecting such preserves with forested ways or links in order to increase their accessibility, use, and enjoyment, and lands for improvement by forestation, roads, and pathways; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois has in a like manner acquired lands along water courses or elsewhere which, in their judgment, were required to control drainage and water conditions and necessary for the preservation of forested areas required or to be acquired as preserves and lands for the purpose of extension of roads and forested ways around and by such preserves and for parking space for automobiles and other facilities not requiring forested areas but incidental to the use and protection thereof; and

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Forest Preserve Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois as follows:

PRESIDENT(continued)

ITEM #1 cont'd

Section 1. That a unified Forest Preserve be and the same is hereby created within the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, which shall contain and connect lands now owned and lands to be acquired in substantial accordance with the plat now on file in the office of the General Superintendent of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, which by reference is hereby made part thereof, and for the purposes of said Forest Preserve and for the carrying out of the statutory purposes more particularly set out in the preamble of this ordinance, it is necessary and desirable for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois to own and it shall acquire property hereinafter described in Section 2 of this ordinance, for the purpose of creating a Forest Preserve and for Forest Preserve uses.

Section 2. That the lands referred to in Section 1 of this ordinance are more particularly described as follows:

That part of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 7 and the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 42 North, Range 9, East of the Third Principal Meridian, lying South of the Southerly line of Algonquin Road, as dedicated for public highway by Document No. 11194090 described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 7, and running thence East along the South line of said East Half, 916.50 feet to the Southwest corner of land conveyed to the trustees of Barrington Union Cemetery, recorded as Document No. 118666; thence North along the West line of said Cemetery 211.50 feet to the Northwest corner of said cemetery and the place of beginning; thence North and parallel with the West line of said East Half, 30.00 feet; thence West and parallel with the South line of said Quarter Section, 237.00 feet to a point on a line 681.50 feet East of and parallel with the West line of said East Half; thence North on said parallel line, 658.50 feet; thence Northeasterly, on a line which forms a right angle with the Southerly right of way line of Algonquin Road, 343.70 feet to the Southerly right of way line of said road; thence Southeasterly along the Southerly line of said road, 636.00 feet; thence on a 78 degrees 58 minutes 18 seconds angle to the right of the last described course, 592.16 feet to a point on the North line of said Barrington Union Cemetery, 141.00 feet East of the Northwest corner as measured on the North line thereof; thence West along the North line of said cemetery, 141.00 feet to the place of beginning, all in Cook County Illinois.

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Section 3. This ordinance is hereby made and ordained to be severable as to each parcel of land or portion thereof or right of interest in any of the same hereby authorized to be acquired, and failure to acquire any of the said parcels of land described in Section 2 hereof or right of interest in any of the same shall not impair or invalidate the authority by this ordinance granted to hold, own, or acquire any other of said parcels or any right or interest therein, it being the intention of said Board of Forest Preserve Commissioners to carry out the general plan provided in this ordinance so far as legally and financially practicable, and to negotiate for purchases, condemn, or otherwise acquire from time to time the several parcels of land described in Section 2 hereof and all right or interest therein.

PRESIDENT(continued)

ITEM #1 cont'd

Section 4. That the Real Estate Agent of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois be and is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to negotiate on behalf of said Forest Preserve District with the owner, or owners of the whole or any part of said tracts or parcels of land described in Section 2 of this ordinance or of any interest therein, for the purchase thereof by said Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois.

Section 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ITEM #2 APPROVED

Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

SUPPORT FOR CONSERVATION EASEMENT INCENTIVE ACT

WHEREAS, in 1913, the Illinois General Assembly authorized the creation of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "DISTRICT"), and granted the Commissioners thereof, the specific power: "to acquire and hold lands containing natural forests, or lands connecting such forests for the purpose of protecting and preserving the flora, fauna and scenic beauties, and to restore, restock, protect and preserve the natural forests and said lands, together with their flora and fauna, as nearly as may be, in their natural state and condition, for the purpose of the education, pleasure and recreation of the public."

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT has acquired a system of forested lands and natural areas totaling 68,450 acres, which is approximately 11 percent of Cook County's land mass, in accordance with Illinois State Statute 70 ILCS 810, which currently allows for the maximum acquisition of a total of 75,000 acres.

WHEREAS, even though the DISTRICT's primary mission is to acquire and hold land for the protection of open space, the DISTRICT also believes that additional open space could be preserved via the use of conservation easements, which place restrictions on property to protect the resources associated with all or part of the property and exclude certain activities such as commercial development or residential subdivisions thereon.

WHEREAS, prior to December 31, 2011, if a conservation easement was granted in perpetuity as a charitable gift, pursuant to the IRS Code (See 26 U.S.C. § 170), certain federal income and estate tax advantages accrued.

PRESIDENT(continued)

ITEM #2 cont'd

WHEREAS, a bill, co-sponsored by 300 U.S. Representatives including, but not limited to Rep. Bobby Rush (D-IL/1st); Rep. Jesse Jackson, Jr. (D-IL/2nd); Rep. Dan Lipinski (D-IL/3rd); Rep. Luis V. Gutierrez (D-IL/4th); Rep. Danny K. Davis (D-IL/7th); Rep. Janice Schakowsky (D-IL/9th); and Rep. Robert Dold (R-IL/10th), the Conservation Easement Incentive Act, also known as H.R. 1964, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the recently-expired tax incentives for contributions of qualified conservation easements for individuals and corporations currently is pending in Congress.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County hereby endorses the Conservation Easement Incentive Act, also known as H.R. 1964, and urges the United States Congress to pass the same as expeditiously as possible.

This Resolution shall be effective upon passage by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County.

COMMISSIONERS

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

ITEM #3 APPROVED. COMMISSIONER GAINER VOTED “PRESENT”

Submitting a Proposed Ordinance sponsored by

EDWIN REYES, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

ROLLING KNOLLS LEASE-BACK ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, On January 6, 2010, the Circuit Court of Cook County entered Judgment finding final just compensation to be Five Million Seven Hundred Forty Five Thousand Dollars and no/100 (\$5,745,000.00) for acquisition by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (FPD) of the 55 acre parcel of land commonly referred to as the Rolling Knolls County Club (the “Rolling Knolls Property”) pursuant to eminent domain. After deposit of the award, an Order of Satisfaction of Judgment and Vesting of Title was entered by the Court granting title and right of possession of the Rolling Knolls Property to the FPD on March 18, 2010; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the operation of a golf course and other businesses, there were a number of residential homes located on the Rolling Knolls Property. All residents have been relocated upon payment of relocation claims, with the exception of Helen Schneider, who was the subject of a request for an Opinion from the Cook County Board of Ethics, described below; and

COMMISSIONERS (continued)

ITEM #3 cont'd

WHEREAS, Helen Schneider is 89 years old and is in poor health, and she has resided in a house commonly known as 11N280 Rohrssen Road Elgin, Illinois 60120 (the "Home") for over 62 years, and because Helen Schneider is the mother of Commissioner Timothy Schneider, the FPD requested an Opinion from the Cook County Board of Ethics as to the propriety of the FPD entering into a lease –back of the Home with Helen Schneider; and

WHEREAS, The Cook County Board of Ethics issued a written Opinion on June 1, 2011 stating that the FPD would be permitted to enter into a lease-back with Helen Schneider after obtaining a court order determining the fair market rental value of the Home, and on October 25, 2011, the FPD obtained a court Order determining the fair market rental value of the Home to be \$1,000.00 per month; and

WHEREAS, Helen Schneider seeks to lease-back the Home and has offered to pay to the FPD back rental in the amount of \$1,000.00 per month, or a lump sum of \$23,420.00 , representing back rental from March 18, 2010 through February 2012, and then to pay a rental of \$1,000.00 per month thereafter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, as follows:

1. The recitals set forth above are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance by this reference as the findings of the Board of Commissioners
 2. The Board of Commissioners of the FPD hereby authorizes a lease-back of the subject Home to Helen Schneider from March 1, 2012 for a period of five (5) years and thereafter on a month-to-month basis for a rental of \$1,000.00 per month unless terminated by Helen Schneider with thirty (30) days notice during the five (5) year period, or by either party after five (5) years.
 3. This lease-back is conditioned upon payment by Helen Schneider to the FPD of \$23,420 representing back rental from March 18, 2010 to March 1, 2012.
 4. The tenant shall pay all utilities.
 5. The General Superintendent and its Chief Attorney are authorized to execute a lease and other documents necessary and appropriate to effect the subject lease-back.
 6. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.
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COMMISSIONERS (continued)

**REPORT
MIAMI WOODS AND PRAIRIE ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION
2011 ANNUAL REPORT & TEN REVIEW**

ITEM #4 RECEIVED AND FILED

Submitting a Report sponsored by

GREGG GOSLIN, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

submitting the Miami Woods and Prairie Ecological Restoration, 2011 Annual Report & Ten (10) Year Review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM #5

Rules & Administration...APPROVED..... Meeting of March 8, 2012

Finance.....APPROVED..... Meeting of March 8, 2012

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE

ITEM #6 APPROVED

Transmitting a Communication dated March 8, 2012 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids for the painting of the pools at the Cermak Aquatic Center. It is necessary to re-paint the pools that were originally done in 2008.

Contract Period: one time purchase. (598000-630000 – Capital Outlays Maintenance Account)

District (s): 16

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)

PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE

ITEM #7 APPROVED

Transmitting a Communication dated March 8, 2012 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids for 36 month contract for the purchase of Liquid Propane Gas.

Contract Period: 36 Months from execution. (015100-630170 Propane Gas & Heating Account)

District (s): Districtwide

PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE

ITEM #8 APPROVED

Transmitting a Communication dated March 8, 2012 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids to supply and install 250 stall doors, support members and associated hardware for comfort stations District wide.

Contract Period: one time purchase (598000-630000 Capital Outlay Maintenance Account)

District (s): Districtwide

PROPOSED AGREEMENT ADDENDUM

ITEM #9 APPROVED

Transmitting a Communication dated March 8, 2012 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the District to extend for six (6) months and amend the District's existing agreement with Stanard & Associates, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, to include written examinations for sergeant positions within the District's police department.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)

ITEM #9 cont'd

Reason: Stanard & Associates, Inc. is a human resource consulting firm that specializes in testing and assessment systems. The company has provided testing and assessment systems for public safety agencies in 49 of the 50 United States and has helped over 2,000 police, fire, sheriff or correctional organizations select and promote the most qualified candidates. Stanard & Associates, Inc. was deemed the most responsive bidder to the District's Requests for Proposals in 2011 to provide certain examinations in connection with hiring of law enforcement personnel. Effective July 1, 2011, a contract was executed between the District and Stanard & Associates, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. Pursuant to that contract, Stanard & Associates, Inc. proctored and scored entry level exams and conducted psychological exams with respect to applicants for Police Officer Positions within the District Police Dept. The District would like this vendor to conduct additional psychological exams in connection with hiring for remaining vacant Police Officer Positions. In addition, the District would like to proceed with a written exam for Sergeant Positions at an additional contract cost of \$9,550.00 bringing the total contract cost to \$34,550.00 Stanard & Associates, Inc. is in good standing with the State of Illinois. The Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this request and acknowledges that the funds for this project are available in account number 015600- 690020, Training Expenses.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$34,550.00. Contract extension: July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. (015600-690020 Training Expenses Account).

PROPOSED CONTRACT

ITEM #10 APPROVED

Transmitting a Communication dated March 8, 2012 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the purchasing agent to enter into a contract with National Business Furniture, Inc., Chicago, Illinois for the purchase furniture including, but not limited to, 40 work facilities and various tables and chairs for District employees.

Reason: National Business Furniture, Inc., currently is in a Joint Purchasing Agreement with the General Services Administration pursuant to Contract #GS-27F-0024V. The furniture will be used Districtwide.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$50,000.00. Contract period: March 8, 2012 through April 28, 2014. (019000-660010 Office Equipment and Furniture Account).

District (s): Districtwide

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

ITEM #11 APPROVED

Transmitting a Communication dated March 8, 2012 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the District to finalize (subject to review by the legal department), enter into and execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Public Building Commission of Chicago (hereafter the "PBC") for the purpose of managing the assessment of the existing condition of roughly 152 buildings owned by the District for purposes of identifying and prioritizing capital investment. The PBC would also manage the development of a Preventive Maintenance Plan for all of the District's Facility Systems and evaluate public buildings for compliance with state and federal accessibility regulations.

Reason: In 1956, the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, along with the City of Chicago, created the Public Building Commission of Chicago ("PBC), an Illinois Municipal Corporation, for the purpose of managing capital programs and projects for government agencies in Chicago and Cook County. The District now seeks to utilize the PBC, based on its experience in bidding work to pre-qualified consultants for all phases of planning and construction work, as an objective public partner to assist the District in its efforts to expand the District's project management capacity. The funds to be provided to the PBC, in exchange for the services provided, are not to exceed \$300,000.00.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$300,000.00. Intergovernmental Agreement period March 30, 2012 through March 30, 2013. (608000-620040 & 618000-620040 Planning & Development Department Construction and Development Fund Accounts and 090200-670061 Capital Improvement Fund, Building & Bridges Account).

District (s): Districtwide

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

ITEM #12 APPROVED

Transmitting a Communication dated March 8, 2012 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the District to increase and extend its participation in the contract between Cook County and System Solutions, Inc., Northbrook, Illinois. The current Cook County contract was amended by the Cook County Board May 17, 2011.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)

ITEM #12 cont'd

Board approved amount (6-2-11)	\$75,00.00
Increase requested:	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
Adjusted amount:	\$175,000.00

Reason: The District is requesting an increase of \$100,000.00, which will fulfill the District needs Districtwide, to provide computer hardware, software, peripheral equipment and support services.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$100,000.00. Contract period: July 7, 2011 through July 7, 2012. (090200-660021 Capital Improvement Fund Account).

District (s): Districtwide

**PROPOSED LAND ACQUISITION
SPRING LAKE PRESERVE**

ITEM #13 (see related ITEM #1) APPROVED

Transmitting a Communication dated March 8, 2012 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

The Forest Preserve District ("District") has identified a parcel of land for acquisition that would add to the District's current holdings at the Spring Lake Preserve. The parcel, commonly known as 158 Algonquin Road, consists of approximately 10 ± acres, located in Barrington Hills, Illinois (see Exhibit A for details). The property is immediately adjacent to the Spring Lake Preserve and is surrounded by District property on three sides.

Through negotiations, the landowner, the Estate of Jean Allegratti, (the "Seller"), has agreed to sell the subject property to the District for the sum of FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$495,000.00). The purchase price is based upon two M.A.I. certified appraisals obtained by the District and is subject to the District's satisfactory completion of its due diligence.

Permission is now sought, upon satisfactory completion of all due diligence and negotiation of any and all required documentation as determined by the District's legal department, to remit a check in the amount of the Purchase Price to the Seller as full compensation for the acquisition of said property.

The District's Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this request and acknowledges that funds for the acquisition are available in Land Acquisition Account #066000-680010 of the Real Estate Acquisition Fund.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)

ITEM #13 cont'd

EXHIBIT A

OWNER OF RECORD: *Estate of Jean Allegetti*

AMOUNT: *\$495,000*

ACREAGE: *10.03 ± acres*

SQUARE FOOTAGE: *437,809 ± square feet*

PIN: *01-07-402-009-0000*

LEGAL:

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REPORT

2011 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE RESIDENT WATCHMAN FACILITIES

ITEM #14 RECEIVED AND FILED

Transmitting a Communication dated March 8, 2012 from

ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

submitting the 2011 Annual Report on the Resident Watchman Facilities.